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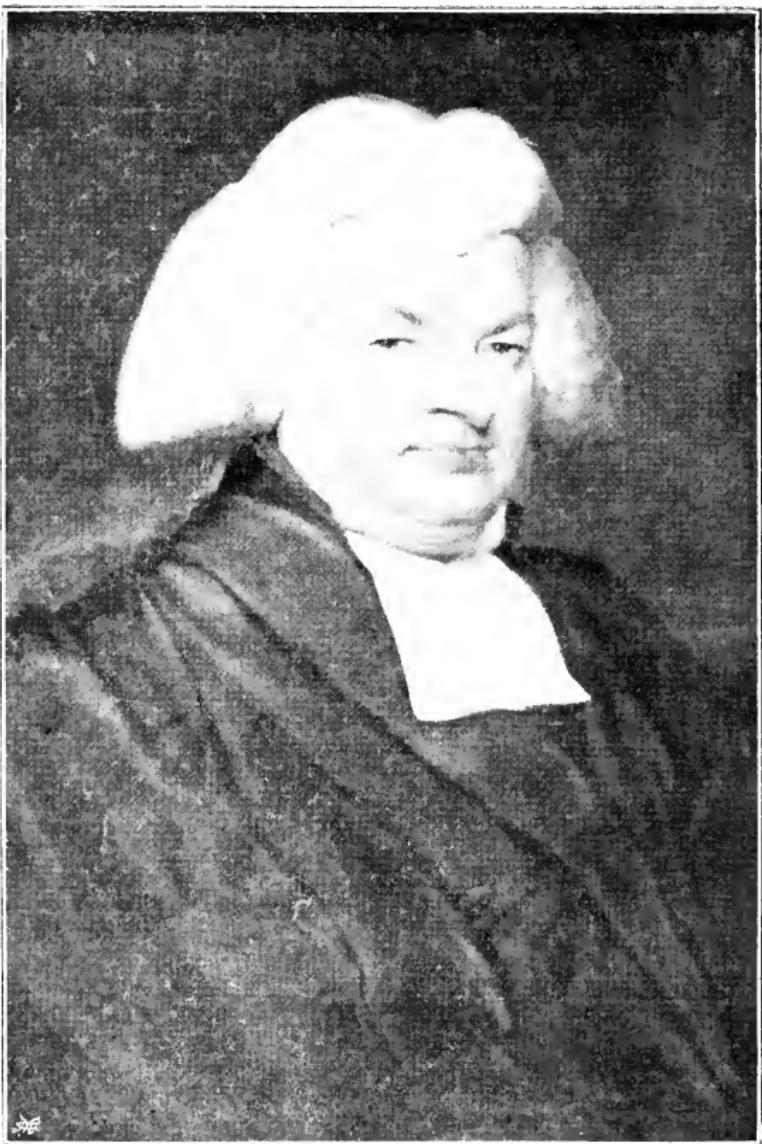
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CONCERNING THOSE MEMBERS OF THE

BULL FAMILY,

WHO ARE DESCENDANTS OF OR CONNECTED WITH

THE REV. WILLIAM BULL,

(Of Newport Pagnell).

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It is not pretended that the following notes are in any way exhaustive or complete, but they contain many items (the accuracy of which, has so far as possible, been tested) which will, it is hoped, be of interest to their readers, and which the writer wished, whilst they were obtainable, to place on record.

A full life of the Rev. Wm. Bull has not been attempted, as the excellent Memorials written by the Rev. Josiah Bull, M.A., contain in permanent form all that can be said of him.

Owing to various unfortunate circumstances it is much to be regretted that the writer so far has been unable to throw any further light on the remoter ancestry of Rev. Wm. Bull, and, although all hope of obtaining further information on this head has not been abandoned, yet for the reasons given in the text, and the time and expense which would be involved by further searches, and withal the possibility of the fruitlessness of such search, tend to make the probability extremely doubtful.

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FAMILY RECORDS.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE ANCESTORS IN THE MATERNAL LINE OF HANNAH PALMER AND HEREIN OF THE SUPPOSED KINSHIP TO SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

ON one of the leaves of a copy of the Memoirs of Theophilus Lobb, M.D., F.R.S., in the handwriting of the Rev. Thomas Palmer Bull, there are the following interesting notes on the maternal ancestry of Hannah Palmer:—

“The Rev^d. William Benn, born 1600, ejected from Dorchester, had a daughter who married

Theophilus Polwheel, ejected from Tiverton 1662, had a daughter who married

Stephen Lobb, who preached in Fetter Lane Meeting, where he was ordained 1681—having succeeded to Dr. Goodwin—he had a daughter who married the Rev^d. John Green, who preached at Chelmsford and wrote these Memoirs of his brother-in-law, Dr. Lobb.

Mr. Green’s daughter married

Nicholas King, whose dr. married

Thomas Palmer, of Bedford, whose dr. Hannah married the Rev^d. Wm. Bull, of Newport Pagnell.”

Of these in their order.

WILLIAM BEN OR BENNE

Was, says Anthony a Wood* born at, or near to, Egremond, in Cumberland, in November, 1600, educated in grammar learning in the Free School, at St. Bee’s, transplanted thence to Queen’s College, where he was, it is said, a Servitor. Afterwards leaving the place with a degree, upon the obtaining a presentation to Okingham, in Berks, he settled there; but one, Bateman, his

* Anthony a Wood’s *Athenae Oxoniensis* 1817.

contemporary in Oxon, having got another presentation thereunto, they both, rather than go to law, did joynly perform the duties, and received the profits thence. At length our author, Ben, became Chaplain to the Marchioness of Northampton, living in Somersetshire, left his interest in Okingham to Bateman, and continuing in the service of the said Marchioness till 1629, he did, by virtue of a call from John White the patriarch of Dorchester, go to that place,* and by White's endeavours was made Rector of Allhallows' Church there, where he continued in great respect from the precise party till St. Bartholomew's day anno 1662, excepting only two years, in which time he attended the said White when he was Rector of Lambeth in Surrey, in the place of Dr. Featley ejected. Besides his constant preaching at Allhallows, he preached gratis on a week-day to the prisoners in the gaol, situated in his parish, which being much frequented by the neighbourhood, and so consequently the room wherein he held forth not spacious enough to contain the auditory, he caused a Chappel to be built within the prison walls, in good part at least, at his own charge. After his ejection from Allhallows for Nonconformity, he lived in Dorchester to the time of his death, but for his preaching in conventicles there, and in the neighbourhood, he was often brought into trouble, and sometimes imprisoned and fined.

He died in the latter end of the year (22nd March, as I have been informed) of 1680, and was buried in the yard belonging to his sometime Church in the ancient borough of Dorchester. What I have farther to observe of this person is (1) That he was one of the Assistant Commissioners of Dorsetshire and Pool for the ejecting of such whom they then (1654) called scandalous, ignorant, and insufficient Ministers and Schoolmasters. (2) That though he lived to be 80 years of age, yet he never used spectacles, though he read and wrote much, writing all his Sermons generally as large as he delivered them except the words of the texts of Scripture cited by him. (3) That it was always his custom, especially when he was at home, to pray in his study seven times a day, and in his prayers to give God thanks for certain deliverances of him from dangers which happened.—5th June, 1636; 23rd October, 1643; 12th August, 1645, &c.

* Where at the breaking out of the Rebellion he much prejudiced the people against the King.—*Watts.*



Calamy says, "Mr. William Benn, M.A., . . . was famous in all the West of England, being richly furnished with all ministerial abilities."

He wrote *Answer to Mr. Francis Bampfield's Letter, in Vindication of the Christian Sabbath against the Jewish.* London, 1672. It is printed with the said "Bampfield's Judgment for the Observation of the Jewish Sabbath," wherein Ben's Answers begins p. 9, and ends p. 86. "Soul prosperity in several Sermons on John iii. 2. —London, 1683, Oct."

The accompanying portrait is reproduced from one given in an edition of Calamy's *Nonconformist's Memorial*, dated 1775, and edited by Samuel Palmer.

OF THEOPHILUS POLWHEIL, M.A.

The following particulars are given in the edition of Calamy just mentioned :

Mr. Theophilus Polwheel, M.A., of Emanuel College, Cambridge, where Dr. (afterwards Archbishop) Sancroft was his tutor, and became Fellow of the College. He was born in Cornwall. When he left the University he was for some time a preacher in Carlisle. He was one of the ministers appointed for ejecting scandalous ministers, &c., in 1654, for Cumberland, Durham, &c. This year he removed to Tiverton, where he continued till the Restoration. After the Act of Uniformity took place, he had his share of suffering with the rest of his brethren. Mr. F——t, who joined in communion with him, and gave in his experiences before the communicants, became afterwards his furious persecutor. Once when he was Mayor, he disturbed the meeting while Mr. Polwheel was preaching, requiring him to come down, and committing him to the custody of a sergeant. Mr. C——n was also his great enemy, and had once a design to seize him as he was going out of his house before day; but one Berry, a serjeant, discovered and prevented it. But he outlived those times of persecution, and after King James's liberty, opened a meeting in Tiverton, and called Mr. Samuel Bartlet to assist him. He died in a good old age in April, 1669.—What Dr. Walker relates to his disadvantage is refuted in Calamy's *Continuation*, p. 261,

Works : “A Treatise on Self-denial ;” “The Evil of Apostacy and Quenching the Spirit ;” “Of Ejaculatory Prayer ;” “Directions for Serving God on the Working-day and Lord’s-day ;” and “Exhortations to Holy Living ;” in which Mr. Mall assisted.

STEPHEN LOBB,

A celebrated Independent divine of the seventeenth century, was a son of Richard Lobb, Esq., who was High Sheriff of the County of Cornwall, and in the year 1659 Member of Parliament for St. Michael in that County. There are not many particulars to be found relating to him. His name is, however, associated with the Independent Church, Fetter Lane, London, and in Wilson’s M.S. History of Dissenting Churches, to be seen at Dr. William’s Library, there are the following interesting notes respecting this Church : “Fetter Lane. The old Meeting-house was erected at the time of King Charles’s Indulgence in 1672, for Mr. John Turner, the ejected minister of Sunbury, in Middlesex. . . . Upon Mr. Turner leaving Fetter Lane, Mr. Stephen Lobb’s Church removed into it. This Society, it is apprehended, was gathered by Dr. Thomas Goodwin upon his being ejected from the Presidentship of Magdalen College, Oxford, at the Restoration. Coming to London, many of his hearers at Oxford followed him, and he formed them into a Church, and preached to them till his death,” in February, 1679. Thankful Owen was chosen as Dr. Goodwin’s successor, but he died on 1st April, 1681 ; and it was after his decease that Stephen Lobb, in 1681, became pastor of the Church. It is said that Mr. Lobb “preached only one part of the day. Mr. Thomas Goodwin, son to Dr. Goodwin, preached on the other.” Mr. Lobb continued to minister there, however, till his death in 1699.*

* It is interesting to note that after the Great Fire, Fetter Lane Meeting was taken possession of by the Episcopal party, and is described as consisting of “four rooms opened into one another, with 17 pews and divers benches.” In 1695 Mr. Samuel Moul and Mr. Baxter preached a lecture here every Lord’s Day morning at 5 o’clock for servants. The Meeting was destroyed by Sacheverel’s mob in 1709. Mr. Thomas Tingey, formerly pastor at Newport Pagnell, and afterwards of Northampton, came to Fetter Lane at the end of 1728, “and had a prospect of being useful, but he died in less than twelve months.”

In 1683, he would appear—if, indeed, he was the Lobb referred to—to have endured persecution, for in the British Museum is a curious broadside, printed in London and dated 1683, entitled, “A True Account of the taking of Mr. Casteers at Tenderton, in Kent, and Mr. Lobb in Essex. Two Nonconformist ministers mentioned in His Majesties Declaration for conspiring the Death of the King.” The sheet goes on—“The Saints have been a long time looking for a Change ; they have been preaching Woe and Judgments to the People, and now it is come with a Vengeance. Beware of Popery, says Lobb ; the Phylistines are upon us, says Ferguson, and the Day of Judgment is at hand ; and sure it must be a Terrible Day for the Saints when they call for the Mountains and the Hills to cover them ; and for all their Innocence and Sanctification none dare stand the Test of “Come ye Blessed.” Sure these Sanctified Pretenders for all their Assurance of Election are but meet Saduees, and can believe no Resurrection in the next world that are so forward for an Insurrection in this.” The taking of Casteers is then described, and the effusion concludes : “We are since assured that Mr. Lobb, another Non-Con. Blunderbus, is taken by a Worthy and Loyal Gentleman, Captain Henry Goreing, in Essex ; and that the Lord Grey is secured at Rotterdam.” There is also at the Museum a curious tract, dated 1683, entitled: “A Dreadful Oration delivered by that sorely afflicted Saint, Stephen Lobb. Held forth to the Brethren, since his last Retirement (At a private meeting by night to escape persecution). In his Antient Meeting House, near Swallow Street, not far from that famous Whigg Square.” The text is : “Behold the Net has fallen upon us ; Yea, the Righteous are Taken in the very height of their Conspiracy.” The words put into the mouth of the preacher by the writer and the tone of the tract are characteristic of the period.

He survived the epithets showered upon him, however, and was one of the ministers who presented the Address of Thanks to King James II. for his Indulgence in 1687. He had free access to that Monarch, and on account of his intimacy with him, was, “though in many respects a valuable minister, &c.,”* called the Jacobite Independent. He endeavoured, however, to

* Thompson’s MS. Account of Fetter Lane Church.

use what interest he had with the King for the advantage of Nonconformity, and "for this he was blamed by the High Church writers; but it seems with little reason, unless they could tax him upon good evidence with having done anything amiss. And there is less reason to blame him on this account, for, if Mr. Lobb's testimony may be taken, the Churchmen made base offers enough to King James when he first began to favour the Dissenters (Pierce's Vindication, pp. 265-70). After the removal of Mr. Morton to New England in 1685, in consequence of the prosecutions that were out against him for keeping a private Academy, Mr. Lobb, in conjunction with Mr. Francis Glasecock and Mr. William Wickins (those judicious and excellent divines), read lectures privately to several of Mr. Morton's students and others who were deprived of more stated helps for instruction through the severity of the times. Mr. Lobb died 3rd June, 1699, and his funeral sermon was preached by Mr. Thomas Goodwin."

He had a brother named Peter Lobb, a "godly, faithful" dissenting minister, who died in 1718. Mr. Lobb married a daughter of Rev. Theophilus Polwheil, and by her had two sons, Stephen and Theophilus, both dissenting ministers, and the latter an eminent physician. He had a third son, Samuel, who conformed to the Church of England, and became Reector of Hungerford, Farley, Wilts. There was also a daughter, who married Rev. John Greene.

Works: Mr. Lobb wrote a letter to Dr. Bates on the Atonement. Also an Appeal to the Bishop of Worcester. He took part, too, in the controversy that followed the publication of Dr. Crisp's works, and wrote some remarks on Dr. Williams' Gospel Truth stated and vindicated.

THEOPHILUS LOBB

Was, as already mentioned, a son of Stephen Lobb. He was born 27th August, 1678, and was educated for the ministry under Rev. Thomas Goodwin (son of Dr. Goodwin) at Pinner, his biographer, Rev. John Greene, being for some time his fellow pupil. Having had, however, "an inclination to physie from his childhood, it may be reasonably supposed that he had an eye to that whilst prosecuting his studies. In 1702, he went to Guildford as a stated minister, where he continued about four years. And



The true Effigies of if hon^{ble} s: r. walter Rawleigh Knight
F. H. van. Hove. sculp.

meeting there with an eminent practitioner in physic, who was friendly and communicative to him, it may well be thought that he made a considerable advancement in his medicinal knowledge." "About the time of his going to Guildford, he married Frances, a daughter of Dr. Cook, a Physician in the West, and niece to the famous Sir Walter Rawleigh.* By her he had one child which died in its infancy. They lived together in great love and harmony till the year 1722." From Guildford he went to Shaftesbury, where he continued about six years, and while there practised as a physician. From Shaftesbury he went to Yeovil about 1713. He evidently continued to practise there in addition to ministering to a congregation, for in his diary for 1718, he says, "God hath wonderfully prospered me in the practice of physic, and hath given and maintained to me a good name and reputation as a Physician." He had had some unpleasantness with some of the members of his congregation, but the same entry goes on to state that "God had wonderfully continued peace in the congregation over which he hath set me." In 1718, he also takes notice of the deaths of his brother Stephen's wife, and of his uncle, Peter Lobb. In 1720, his brother Stephen died at a friend's house at Shaftesbury, and he took his son into his family. In 1721, on February 4th, his cousin, Nathaniel Lobb, died intestate at Penzance, leaving three children. As he was their nearest relation, he determined "to take the most proper measures as the guardian of their persons and the manager of their fortunes; and setting out for Penzance on the 13th February, he got back to Yeovil with the children on the 26th after a safe journey, though the frost was extremely severe, and they had travelled over dreadful hills of ice between Exeter and Plymouth." In 1722, he was "created Doctor of Physic by a diploma from the University of Glasgow," and in the same year he left Yeovil, ("neither the air nor the water" of which seemed to agree with his wife,) for Witham, and took charge of a congregation there. The change was welcome, as during 1722 "he had great trouble and fear with his Yeovil con-

* Diligent search has been made among the pedigrees of Sir Walter Raleigh and the Cookes at the British Museum for a reference to the Dr. Cook in question, but unsuccessfully, and on the above statement of Mr. Greene, who was probably well-informed, must the remote relation of the Bulls to the famous Navigator depend.

gregation, on account of their differences about singing, which he had in vain endeavoured to compose, and which tended, not a little, to render his ministry useless among them ; and the rather because both parties—they who were for bringing in new tunes, and they who were against it—laid the blame upon him.” In 1722, he lost his wife, and in the British Museum is a copy of her funeral sermon, entitled :* “Sickness Comfortable, and a Dying Bed easy,” delivered at Chelmsford, by John Greene, on 28th November, 1722. He put the children out to board, and being “solitary in 1723, he prayed that he might be pitied, and that a godly, prudent, good humoured and affectionate wife might be provided for him.” He goes on : “Bend and guide my inclinations and affections to this or that person, as will be most agreeable to Thy will and my duty, most for Thy glory and my good. And build me up again this year into a family.” And in the review of that year he observes God had graciously given him a wife of that character, and had settled him with two servants in a pleasant habitation ; not only with the necessaries, but with many of the comforts of life. In 1732, he removed to London, but the congregation he ministered to broke up, and in April, 1734, he resolved, after consultation with several worthy ministers, to give up preaching. Thenceforth he practised as a physician, finding it at times hard work to maintain his family. His second wife died on 2nd February, 1760, while he died in his 85th year. His Memoirs, from which the foregoing particulars are taken, were published in 1767 by John Greene.

Works : Several Medical Treatises, Discourses, &c.

OF THE REV. JOHN GREENE

No particulars have been obtained save the facts already recorded, namely, that he ministered at Chelmsford, and published the Memoirs of Dr. Lobb,† and the funeral sermon of Frances Lobb.

* The title page runs—“Sickness Comfortable, and a Dying Bed Easy. A Sermon on the Funeral of Mrs. Frances Lobb, late Wife of the Reverend Theophilus Lobb, M.D. Delivered at Chelmsford, November 28th, 1722. By John Greene. Attended with a Poem on the Occasion. London, 1723 (6d.)” The preface is dated at Much Baddow, December 21st, 1722, and the text was 2 Cor. v. 8.

† “The Power of Faith and Godliness exemplified in some Memoirs of Theophilus Lobb, M.D., F.R.S. By John Greene. London, 1767.”

NICHOLAS KING

Who married a daughter of John Greene, is believed to have lived at Hemel Hempstead. Among the admissions, however, to the Bunyan Meeting, Bedford, occur the following: "1717, Mrs. King, August 28th; 1734, Elizabeth King, August 29th; and 1749, Mary King, May 5th;" so that the Kings seem to have become connected with Bedford, and it was, says a MS. note, Mary King, "of Bedford," who married Thomas Palmer, "a grocer" of that town, and of whom more presently.



CHAPTER II.

CONCERNING THE PALMERS OF NEWPORT PAGNELL AND BEDFORD.

MENTION occurs of the Palmers as early as the middle of the seventeenth century in the Newport Pagnell Parish Registers, if not earlier, and it is probable that they were old inhabitants of the town.

On 14th August, 1654, Thomas Palmer and Martha B——,* both of the parish of Newport Pagnell, having had their contract of marriage published three market daies in the market place, and three several Lord's daies in the Parish Church, "was maried by Mr. William Foskett, Justice of the Peace for the County of Bucks."

William Palmer and Katherine Kite (who died 17th December, 1702), were also married by Mr. Foskett on 17th March, 1655.

John Palmer, a salesman, son of William and Katherine, was born in 1656, in January, 1698, married Hannah Davis, a widow, and was one of those to whom the Baptist Meeting was conveyed in trust in January, 1716. He made his will 27th January, 1723, and died 5th February, 1724, his widow surviving him many years, and dying on 22nd September, 1750, aged 77.

They had issue seven children, all born at Newport:—

Hannah, born 28th October, 1699; died in infancy.

John, born 28th December, 1700; married Alice Davis, of Turvey; was a draper at Olney in 1756, and died on 3rd January, 1762, leaving issue.

Hannah, born 16th August, 1703; married Palmer, and died in February, 1745, leaving issue one daughter.

* The name is indistinct—may be "Borowes." "Thomas Palmer's child put into ye grave July 8th, 1661," is the somewhat curious entry of the burial of one of Thomas Palmer's children. A Thomas Palmer, possibly father of Thomas and William, who were probably brothers, was buried in 1654.

Squier, born 13th June, 1706 ; died 10th August, 1773, apparently S.P.

Thomas (see below).

Joseph, born 1712 ; an ironmonger at Olney ; died in 1769, and left issue ; and

Benjamin, born 14th November, 1716 ; died 10th June, 1744 S.P.

Thomas Palmer came, as above-mentioned, fifth. He was born on 13th December, 1709, and carried on a grocery business at Bedford. He first appears in a list of members of the Bunyan Meeting in 1741, but there is no entry of his admission, the minutes for the preceding ten years seeming to have been loosely kept. He took an active part in Church affairs, was a deacon, and died 23rd November, 1778. He married Mary King, and had issue four children :—

Benjamin, who left issue.

Hannah, who married William Bull.

Mary, who married William Wagstaffe, and had issue :— Ebenezer, who died in the autumn of 1778, and Mary.

John, who married Esther Giffard, and died in 1772, left issue three daughters, the eldest of whom—Esther—married Thomas Kilpin, of Bedford.

Thomas Palmer, by his will dated in 1778, after giving to Mr. Joshua Symonds, of Bedford, Dissenting Teacher, Twenty Pounds; to William Bull and Hannah his wife, and the survivor of them, a life interest in a messuage in Potter Street, in the parish of St. Mary's, Bedford; to his daughter Hannah Bull his "Green Beadstead and Curtains without the Feather Bed or any Furniture belonging to it," and giving several mourning rings, each of one Guinea Value, to relatives and friends, gave all the residue of his estate to his son Benjamin, subject to a charge of £3,300 thereon—£900 in favour of John Palmer's daughters ; £1,200 in favour of William Bull and Hannah his wife and their issue ; the interest of £1,200 to Mary Wagstaffe for life—part of the last-named principal sum of £1,200 to be ultimately disposed of in favour of Hannah Bull's issue.

The foregoing particulars are gleaned from an old MS. pedigree, the Parish Registers of Newport Pagnell, a letter from Dr. John Brown, and a copy will of Thomas Palmer.



CHAPTER III.

THE ANCESTRY OF LETITIA BATEMAN.

IT is said that the great grandfather of Letitia Bateman was a Huguenot named Desvaux, who came over to England soon after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, and took for his second wife Mary Ann Germain of the family of Sir John Germain.

The name of the first wife of Desvaux is unknown. By his second, who died on 19th March, 1780, aged 88, he had a daughter—Anne Olympe Desvaux—who worked a sampler which is now in the possession of the Bull family, and contains the following prayer:—

PRIERE POUVR LE MATIN.

AVANT QVE DE TVDIER SA LESON OV DE
COMMENCER SON OUVRAGE. 1724. A O D
MON DIEV FAI MOI LA GRACE DE ME DON
NER TON SAINT SEPRIT QVE PAR ICELVI IE
ME GOVVERNE & CONDVISE QVE TOUVT CE
QVE JE FERAI DIRAI OV PENCERAI QVE TO
VT SOIT A TON HONNEVR & A TA GLOIRE &
AV NOM DE NOTRE SEIGNEVR JESVS CHRIS
T AMEN. FAIT PAR MOI ANNE OLIMPE DES
VAUX CE JOVR DIHVI 8 IVIN 1724 A LONDRES.

Beneath the prayer are a number of the usual birds, trees, and extraordinary artieles peculiar to samplers.

This Anne Olympe Desvaux subsequently married one Dowling, and is said to have died suddenly in Whitfield's Tabernacle.

She left issue a daughter Ann, who was born in 1748, and married Jonathan Bateman, a London goldsmith, who also was born in 1748. In his will, made on 4th January, 1776, and whereby he left all his property to his wife Ann, Jonathan Bateman is described as of the parish of St. Luke's, Old Street, Middlesex. He appears to have died in 1791, and his will was proved by his widow on 17th August in that year.

One of the children of Jonathan Bateman and Ann his wife was Letitia Bateman, who was born in London on the 14th December,

1777, and was married on the 13th October, 1803, at St. Luke's Church, Old-street Road, to the Rev. Thomas Palmer Bull, of Newport Pagnell.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Newton, then growing very old and feeble, at the earnest request of his friend, the Rev. William Bull. Mr. Newton sat during the service, and quite losing himself in the middle exclaimed—"What do I here?"

It is to be regretted that more authentic information respecting the Desvaux and Dowling families is not available.

In a return* from Sandwich, dated 29th April, 1622, of children "Borne in Sandwich of stranger parents," the name of Lawrence de Vos occurs, and in a warrant dated, Whitehall, 9th April, 1687, a Peter de Vaux is mentioned, but there is nothing to connect either with this family.

In response to a query in "Notes and Queries," a correspondent was good enough to inform the writer that a Thomas de Vaulx married a sister of Col. Henry Tyllier, of Antigua (who made his will in 1649). There was issue of the marriage:—Magdalen, Theodore, William (who was appointed executor of his uncle's will), and Henry. Col. Tyllier's will was proved in 1661 by Magdalen, William being therefore presumably then dead.

The same correspondent also stated that amongst the list of Marriage Licenses published by the Harleian Society were the following:—

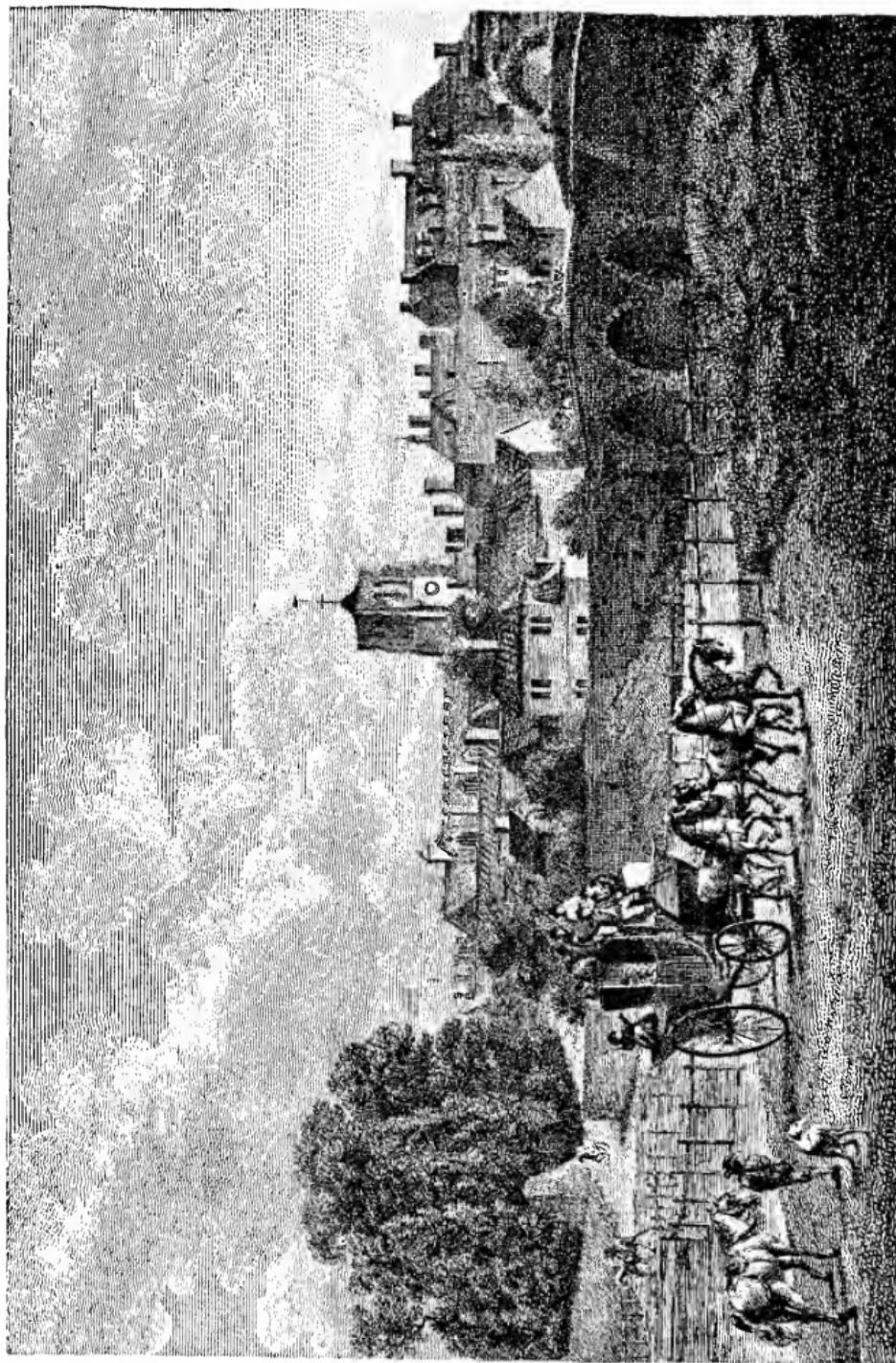
1637-8, London. Peter le Hue, Gent., Widower, and Margaret, daughter of Thomas de Vaux, gentleman.

1667. Sir Theodore de Vaux, Widower, and Judith Goston.

1673. John Dowling, of Stepney, Citizen and Silk Throwster, about 36, Widower, and Mrs. Hester Rudyard, of Stepney, Spinster, about 22, at her own disposal.

These details are of interest. The Desvaux mentioned were very likely related to the ancestors of Letitia Bateman, and it would seem probable that John Dowling was an ancestor of the husband of Anne Olympe Desvaux.

* Lists of Foreign Protestants and Aliens resident in England 1618-88, Camden Society.



CHAPTER IV.

THE FAMILY OF ROGERS.

THE Rogers' have for long been connected with Newport Pagnell. In Newport church there is a monument to one of the family with a Latin inscription, which runs as follows :

HIC REQUIESCIT
FELICEM EXPECTANS RESURRECTIONEM
JOANNES ROGERS GENEROSUS
VIXIT ANNOS LXXV.
DECESSET DIE JAN. XXVII.
ANNO DOM MDCCXXVI.*

In June, 1775, one Thomas Rogers the Elder, a Carrier, and Elizabeth his wife resided at Sherrington, and were apparently well-to-do people, for a carrier in those days was in a very different position to the market-going carriers of to-day, and indeed the two cannot be compared.

A daughter of this couple, Elizabeth the Younger, married a William Cripps, of Newport Pagnell, in 1775. One of the trustees of the marriage settlement was her brother, Thomas Rogers the Younger, of Newport, "Surgeon and Apothecary." He appears to have been the father of the John Rogers, of Newport, Surgeon, who married Ann Osborn on 15th October, 1804.

There was issue of the last-named marriage several children, but only the three following attained maturity :—

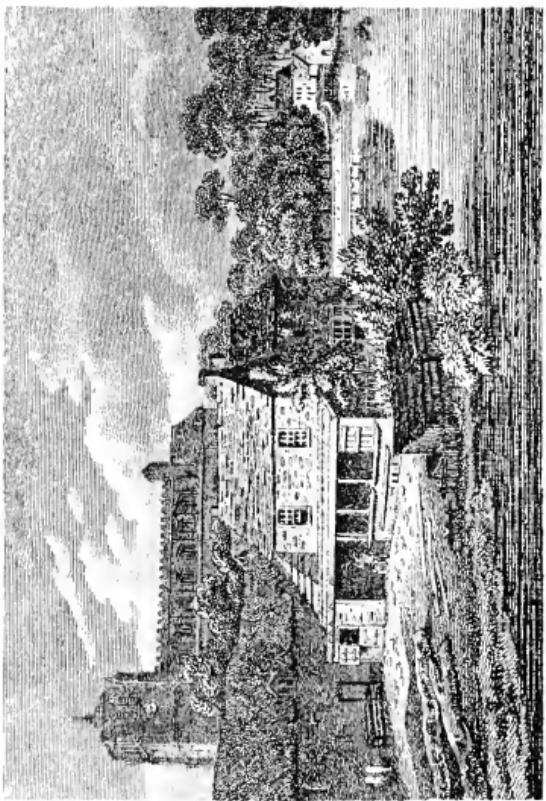
George Osborn, born 12th March, 1806 ; for many years practised as a surgeon at Newport ; married Martha Goddard, and died on the 1st November, 1881, leaving issue ;

Anne, born 7th December, 1808, and married to William Bateman Bull on 25th July, 1832 ; and

John, born 21st June, 1817 ; a brewer ; married Louisa Maulden, and died on 5th December, 1855, leaving issue.

* "Here reposes John Rogers, Gentleman, hoping for a joyous Resurrection. He lived 75 years. He died on the 27th day of January in the year of the Lord 1726.

There is a tablet in the Congregational Chapel, Newport Pagnell, to the memory of John and Anne Rogers, with the following inscription :—"In memory of John Rogers, surgeon, who died January 21st, 1858, aged 76 years, a man of exemplary piety and of sound judgment, who for 58 years was a member and for 34 years a deacon of the Church assembling in this place, and of Anne Rogers, his widow, who having endured lengthened affliction with Christian patience and cheerfulness entered into rest March 25th, 1865, in the 87th year of her age. This tablet is erected not to proclaim their worth, but to gratify the filial love and reverence with which their name is cherished.—Also in remembrance of John Rogers, their beloved son, who died December 5th, 1855, aged 35 years.



View of Weston Estate

CHAPTER V.

THE COALES FAMILY.

THE Coaleses have been a family of farmers. The first one of whom the writer has an authentic note was Francis Coales, of Titchmarsh Lodge, Northants, who married Mary Thompson. The latter survived her husband many years and died at Thrapston about 1836.

There was issue of the marriage five sons, Thomas Thompson, John, Francis, William, and David, and one daughter, Mary Ann.

Francis, who was the second or third son, was born on 26th February, 1784, and married on the 26th April, 1815, Lucy Sophia Chew.

For some years he resided at Titchmarsh, but afterwards removed to a farm at Long Stanton, Cambridgeshire, and died at Cambridge on the 24th September, 1869. His widow survived him many years and died at Isham, Northants, on 9th May, 1880, in her 86th year, but was buried at Cambridge.

There was issue of the marriage four sons and five daughters.

Mary Ann Coales, born 19th August, 1817, and married first William Owen Aves, by whom she had issue, and second Edward Bennett. She died on 13th July, 1889.

Lucy, born 2nd July, 1819, and now living at Stapleford.

Francis, born 26th November, 1821, at Titchmarsh, married on 8th September, 1858, to Emily Anne Bull, and has issue—Francis William, Walter John, Alice Maud, Herbert George, Reginald Harry (died 1877), Harold Frederick, Kate Ellen, and Margaret Annie.

Ann Allen, born 13th September, 1824, at Longstanton, married William Ayers, and died at Ampthill, 12th September, 1876, leaving issue.

Catherine, born 26th July, 1827, at Longstanton, married on 16th April, 1862, at Downing Street Chapel, Cambridge, to William Rogers Bull, of Newport Pagnell, and died on 5th January, 1870, at Newport Pagnell, leaving issue.

Eliza, born 22nd March, 1830, and died unmarried.

John Hannaford, born 21st August, 1832.

George Thompson, born 14th December, 1834, and married on 24th September, 1873, to Alice Heygate, of West Haddon, who died in April, 1894, at Great Harrowden, leaving issue.

Frederick Richmond, born 1837, married Ann Allen, and died 20th October, 1891, at Thrapston, leaving issue.



CHAPTER VI.

THE HEYGATES.*

THE family of Heygate, of Husband's Bosworth, in Leicestershire, was formerly located at Rendlesham, in Suffolk, and at Feering, in Essex, prior to the sixteenth century. †In 1557 Thomas Higate, Highgate, or Heygate, of Hayes, in Middlesex, was Field-Marshal General of the Army before St. Quintin, under the Earl of Pembroke; and Provost-Marshal in Scotland, 1560; buried at Hayes, August 21st, 1576, under an altar tomb now remaining there. His eldest son, William, died without issue, but his second son, Thomas Heygate, of Hayes, was Provost-Marshal General under the Earl of Essex at the taking of Cales, or Cadiz, in 1596, and was buried at Hayes, November 25th, 1615. He married Margery, daughter of Ralph Skipworth, of Parkbury, co. Herts. They had six sons and three daughters, of whom Thomas Heygate, the eldest son, barrister-at-law, through various losses and misfortunes, alienated his paternal estate, and died about 1658 without surviving male issue. Ralph Heygate, the fifth son, married for his second wife Anne, daughter of Nicholas Spicer, Mayor of Exeter. Of the daughters, Anne married Edward Heylyn, of Minster Lovell, co. Oxford, nephew of Rowland Heylyn, of St. Mary Aldermanbury, Alderman and Sheriff of London. Katherine married Robert Tirwhit, Master of the Buckhounds to Charles I., of the knightly family of Tirwhit, of Kettleby, co. Lincoln. Letitia married Peter Heylin, D.D., younger brother of Edward aforesaid, Prebendary of Westminster, Chaplain to Kings Charles I. and II., rector of South Warnborough and Alresford, Hants, etc., which livings were sequestrated during the Civil Wars. He died on the eve of the offer of a bishopric, and was buried in Westminster Abbey, 1662. She died in 1668.

* From Notes principally extracted from Benton's History of the Rochford Hundred (Essex).

† He was descended from the ancient family of Heygate, of the counties of Essex and Suffolk, whereof was Reginald Highgate, who raised 600 Essex men and went to the Siege of Havre de Grace in 1562.

The eldest son of Ralph and Anne Heygate was Nicholas Heygate, of London, one of the court of assistants of the Merchant Taylors' Company, a collector of curious books and writings. He was buried in 1697, at St. Gregory's, Old Fish Street, London. His wife was Elizabeth, second daughter of Thomas Cotton, of Loughton, by Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Shuckburgh, of Naseby, a family descended from the Emperor Charlemagne. Their only surviving child, Robert Heygate, of Christ's College, Cambridge, afterwards of Husband's Bosworth, was born 11th June, 1655, married Anne, daughter of John Freeman, of the same place, and had issue Nicholas Heygate, of West Haddon, co. Northampton, whose wife was Mary Anne, daughter of John Cooke, of Hill Morton, co. Warwick. Nicholas Heygate died in 1774, and was buried at West Haddon. His eldest surviving son (two died young), Thomas of Husband's Bosworth, was born in 1738, and died in 1787. He left issue—Thomas, who died without issue, and was buried at Husband's Bosworth in 1827 ; Robert Benjamin, a surgeon at Market Harborough, who died in 1866, whose last male descendant, Thomas Heygate, of Market Harborough, died in 1894 without issue ; and John Nicholas, James, Charles, Mary, and William Ralph, none of the last-named leaving issue. The second surviving son of Nicholas and Mary Ann Heygate was Robert, of West Haddon, baptised 11th September, 1740, and married 1st February, 1773, to Elizabeth, daughter of John Underwood, who died 6th May, 1778. The issue of the marriage was Robert, of Winwick (born at West Haddon, 28th September, 1774 ; married Ann Hall—the Heygates, of Nobottle, being his male representatives) ; John, of West Haddon, baptised 8th April, 1776, married 1801, and died 24th December, 1837, leaving issue—James, M.D., of Derby (no male issue) ; Elizabeth ; John, of West Haddon (born 1804, married for his second wife Amelia Elkins, and died 29th December, 1879, leaving issue, it being one of his daughters, Louisa Elkins Heygate, who married William Rogers Bull) ; Mary, Thomas Nicholas (of Hanslope), and Catherine.

The sixth son of Nicholas, James Heygate, of Aldermanbury, London, banker, and Hackney, Middlesex, born in 1747, purchased property at Southend, co. Essex, at the commencement of the present century. He married Sarah, second daughter of Samuel

Unwin, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, co. Nottingham, and of Hackney, He died in April or May, 1823, and was interred at Hackney. They left two sons and one daughter—William, James, and Elizabeth Ann. The eldest son, William Heygate of London, banker, Lord Mayor of London in 1822, was created a baronet by William IV. in 1831, and was for some time M.P. for Sudbury. Their younger son, James Heygate, the purchaser of Porters, Southend, died July 22nd, 1873, in the 90th year of his age, and was interred in the family grave in Prittlewell Churchyard, where rest the remains of his wife Anna, second daughter of the late Edward Longdon Mac-murdo, of Clapton, Middlesex, who died September 9th, 1867, aged 75.

Porters is now in possession of Miss Elizabeth Alice Heygate and the Rev. Thomas Heygate.

FAMILY ARMS.

The arms are *gules*, two bars *argent*, on a bend *or*, a torteaux between two leopards' faces *azure*. Crest, a wolf's head, erased *gules*. These arms, without the torteaux, were granted, *temp.* Henry VIII. to Reginald, or Reinold, Highgate, of Fering in Essex, and were allowed (with the torteaux§ for distinction) to this family at the Herald's Visitation for the City of London in 1634 and 1687. The mottoes are—"Souvenez St. Quintin, 1557," and "Boulogne et Cadiz, 1596." These mottoes are memorials of the campaigns in which Heygates distinguished themselves in Mary's and Elizabeth's reigns.

§ The tincture of a torteaux is *gules*, being a roundel in the form of a ball, and is supposed to represent a wastel or cake of bread.

CHAPTER VII.

THE WALLIS FAMILY.

WILLIAM WALLIS, who is supposed to have come from Essex, was in the latter part of the seventeenth century an elder of the Independent Church at Kettering, then under the care of its pastor, John Maidwell, who was the ejected Rector of Kettering.

Mr. Wallis's doctrines do not appear, however, to have been in accord with those of Mr. Thomas Milway, Mr. Maidwell's successor, and on 29th October, 1696, it is recorded in the Church book that Mr. Wm. Wallis "taking upon Him to be an Administratr of Baptisme to some of ye members of this Church ag'st whom it was prov'd in a Church Assembly yt He had no right and power so to do desir'd his Dismission which was Granted Him," and with six others who deserted "ye ministry & Comunion of the church in adherenee," to him he founded the Baptist cause in Kettering.

Mr. Wallis continued to act as pastor to the new Church till the time of his death, which apparently took place in 1712 or 1713.

Thomas Wallis, his surviving son, who was born in 1679, and married on 6th March, 1702, to Mary Belsher, succeeded his father in the pastoral office, being ordained on the 29th October, 1713.

Thomas Wallis continued his ministry up to the time of his death, which took place on 15th December, 1726.

He left issue several children, the eldest son William being the father of Beeby Wallis, at the house of whose widow the Baptist Missionary Society was formed.

The fourth son Joseph, born in 1712, married Ann _____, died on 2nd August, 1755, and was buried in Burton Latimer church-yard, as was also his wife, whom he survived about six years.

He left issue four children:—

Joseph d. 7th April, 1779.

Sarah, who married Bellamy.

Samuel, who married Mary Benford (see below).

Ann b. 1746, married Burditt, and died 31st October, 1831, leaving issue.

Samuel Wallis, who was a farmer at Barton Seagrave, leaving that place for Kettering in November 1808, died at Kettering, on 2nd October, 1810, aged 68, his widow dying on 13th March, 1828, aged 82. They left issue:—

Joseph, born about 1774 (see below).

George, b. 19th December, 1775, and died a bachelor on 11th April, 1863, at Isham.

Mary, married Robinson, and had issue.

Eleanor, who married W. A. Dainty on 2nd April, 1811, and died on 5th November, 1834, aged 58, leaving issue.

Joseph Wallis married Hannah Timms (b. 16th February, 1782, at Kettering), at Kettering Parish Church on 1st November, 1808, and for many years like his father before him was a farmer at Barton Seagrave. He died on 2nd September, 1834, his widow surviving him many years, and dying on 28th January, 1855.

There were seven children of the marriage:—

Beeby, b. 5th November, 1810, married 19th January, 1841, to Annie Rose, and died 3rd March, 1841, being buried at Kettering on 9th March, 1841, and leaving no issue.

Martha, b. 16th September, 1809, married Joseph Howse Allen in 1858, and died at Kettering in 1879, without issue.

Bithiah, born 17th March, 1812, and died at Kettering 29th December, 1863, unmarried.

Caroline, born 24th December, 1814, and married on 24th February, 1842, Joseph Toller, of Kettering, a son of Rev. Thomas Northeote Toller of that place, and has issue.

Mary, born 8th July, 1816, married John Goosey, of Kettering, draper, in 1859, and died 17th October, 1895.

Samuel, born 20th November, 1817 (see below).

Charlotte b. 26th May, 1820, and married in 1855 Joseph Nunneley, then of Market Harborough, but afterwards of Northampton. She died in 1888, leaving issue three daughters.

Samuel Wallis followed the vocation of his immediate ancestors, and farmed the land they had so long before him occupied at Barton Seagrave. He married Emma Sharp, the daughter of Francis Sharp, of Finedon, on 19th June, 1851, and died at Barton on the 18th July, 1878, leaving issue, one of the daughters—Annie Allen Winifred Wallis—marrying the compiler of these records.

CHAPTER VIII.

THE BULLS OF RUSHDEN AND IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

IT is supposed that the remoter ancestors of the Rev. Wm. Bull were natives of Rushden, and as it is certain that a family of that name did live there as early as the middle of the sixteenth century, and as the name of Bull also occurs in sixteenth century records connected with Pytchley, Isham, Holmedon, and other places in the County of Northampton, it is not at all improbable that the supposition is a correct one.

Unfortunately, some of the pages of the Church Registers at Rushden cannot be deciphered, and it is perhaps owing to this fact that it is impossible to find the links which connect a certain John Bull of Rushden, who was born about the end of the sixteenth century, with John Bull, the grandfather of Wm. Bull, who is said to have been a shop-keeper and a pious Puritan residing at Rushden.

From the Parish Registers, however, it would appear that one George Bull was on 9th July, 1583, married to Emma Wake (?), and that he was buried in 1588. In January, 1595, William, the son of George, was buried. On 7th December, 1619, John, the son of John Bull, was baptised, and on 1st December, 1622, George, the son of John, so that it seems probable that the father of these two children was the son of George Bull. The John Bull born in 1619 married apparently one Elizabeth Curtis in 1644, and the baptisms of John, the son of John, and Priscilla, the daughter of John, are recorded in 1644 and 1647 respectively.

Curiously enough, in the Duchy of Lancaster Records of 22 Charles I., 1647, relating to Rushden Manor, there are the following entries amongst "The Estreats of ffynes issues and amerciaments forfeited sett and imposed att the Leet and Court Barron of our most gracieous Lady Queen Henriette Marie consorte to our most gracieous soveraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland ffraunce and Ireland kinge defender of the faith and holden there the fourth daye of Maye in the three and twentieth year of his said Majestie's reigne," namely—

Imprimis of Mary Bull widdowe for not } appearinge to doe her suite att the said Leete } iiiij d.

Itm of Mary Bull for the like vj d.

Itm of John Bull for the like iiiij d.

The John Bull is probably the one born in 1619, and Mary was probably his mother.

The chain is broken at this point, for no entry is to be found of the marriage of John born in 1644, or of the baptism of a Francis Bull. There is an entry of a baptism of a John in January 1683-4, but he was the son and third child of William and Eleanor Bull. This William may have been the son of John born in 1644, but it is pure conjecture, and does not help, if, as is stated by the Rev. Josiah Bull and in an old pedigree, the grandfather of Rev. Wm. Bull was Francis Bull.

The Rushden Registers affording no further assistance, and the whereabouts of the Court Rolls of the Manor of Rushden not being discoverable, and the wills at the local Probate Registries at Northampton and Peterborough giving no clue, the Irthlingborough Registers were searched, and in them numerous entries of Bulls were found—entries which further perplex matters, as they tend to show that the branch in question sprang from Irthlingborough.

In 1684 there is, for instance, an entry in the Irthlingborough Parish Church Registers of the baptism of John, the son of Christopher Bull and Ann his wife, and of several other children. In 1706 the baptism of Christopher, the son of John, is registered, and in 1710 of John, the son of John. Then there are the following entries which apparently undoubtedly relate to the family of the Rev. Wm. Bull's father, and include the baptismal entry of Wm. Bull :—

Bull junior, John, baptised 31st Dec. 1732.

Francis, son of John, baptised 15th July, 1735.

Mary Bull, daughter of John jr., bapt. 6th March, 1736.

William Bull, son of John, bapt. 17th December, 1738.

Judath Bull, daughter of John and Judath, bap. 15th June, 1740.

Ann Bull, daughter of John and "Judey," bapt. 25th Deer., 1741.

Thomas Bull, son of John and Judah his wife, bapt. 7th March, 1745-6.

In Feb. 1739-40 Sarah Bull, daughter of John and Judy, was buried, and on 22nd March, 1745, occurs the entry of the burial of Judah, wife of John.

The burials of John Bulls are recorded on 24th December, 1758, 14th February, 1759, and 27th December, 1776, so that it is impossible to say which of them relates to the father of the Rev. William Bull.

These entries seem rather to confuse one than to help, and the only family statements respecting the matter are those contained in Rev. Josiah Bull's life of Rev. William Bull, and in an old manuscript pedigree containing shorthand notes, from which it would appear—

That towards the close of the seventeenth century, there lived at Rushden one John Bull, who was, as already stated, a shopkeeper and a pious Puritan.

That John had a son Francis, a clothier, and a pious Puritan, who lived at Irthingborough, and died at the great age of 90; that his wife, who lived to be nearly 90, and had for many years been confined to her bed, "died in fear of the devil (?) and of her husband."

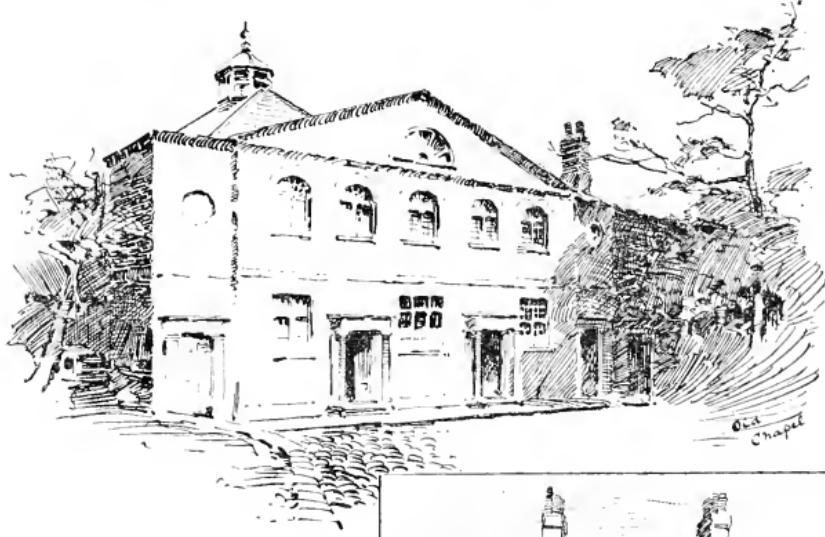
That Francis had issue—John, a hatter; Christopher, of Brigstock (where he kept a shop near the Sun); William (father of Thomas Bull, of Eldon); Owen, and Ann.

That John "the hatter" married, according to the notes on the old pedigree, a thoroughly good woman, and according to Rev. Josiah Bull, one who was not in sympathy with Puritanical ideas. There was issue, according to the registers already quoted, eight children. Of these John died at Bedford, without issue, on 21st August, 1762, and Francis lived at Daventry, and died in March, 1812. The next chapter deals with William.

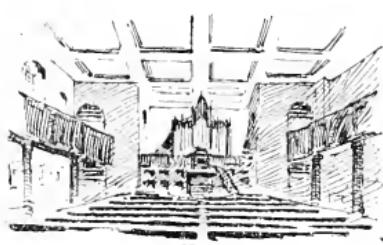


Manor: Rev Wm Bull's Old House

SKETCHES
from
NEWPORT-
PAGNELL.



Old Chapel



Interior Old Chapel



Beau's Almshouses

CHAPTER IX.

WILLIAM BULL.

WILLIAM BULL was born at Irthlingborough, Northants, in 1738, and baptised at the Church there on 17th December, 1738. He was the son of John and Judith Bull, who were probably married about 1732. Of his conjectured remoter ancestry some account has already been given.

“John Bull,” says Rev. Josiah Bull, “fell into evil courses, and married a person who had little sympathy with the puritanical predilections and practices of his family. . . . He neglected his business” of a hatter, “and brought himself and his family into great straits, and so his children were taken under the roof of their grandfather Francis, and brought up by him.”

Three times when a child William Bull narrowly escaped death, once being nearly drowned in a well into which he had fallen, another time being saved from drowning in a river by his father, and on the third occasion being dangerously hit by a stone on his head.

In his youthful days he attended Cheese Lane Chapel, Wellingborough, with his grandfather. He early showed a desire for knowledge, and evinced his inclination to enter the ministry. At length he went to live with his elder brother John, who had settled in business at Bedford, and after having had the advantage of the tuition of the Rev. Samuel Sanderson and the Rev. James Belsham, then pastor of the Newport Pagnell Church, he eventually, in 1759, was admitted a student of the Dissenting Academy at Daventry, which was then under the charge of Dr. Ashworth.

On the termination of his College career, Wm. Bull received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Newport Church, and was ordained on 11th October, 1764.

Soon after his settlement at Newport he established a school with considerable success (notwithstanding that it was—prior to 1779—illegal for a Dissenting minister to do so without the Bishop’s licence), and amongst his pupils was Sir John Leech, afterwards Master of the Rolls.

On 7th June, 1768, Wm. Bull married Hannah Palmer, and soon afterwards the famous acquaintanceship with Rev. John Newton, curate of Olney, was formed.

There were six children of Wm. Bull's marriage, but only one—Thomas Palmer—attained maturity. The first—Benjamin King—born in 1769, died in June, 1771. The Parish Registers record the burial of "Mary, daughter of Wm. and Hannah Bull, S.P." (small-pox ?), on 31st December, 1770. In September, 1778, William, apparently the youngest child, died, and in the autumn of 1779 a second Mary. A poem to the memory of the last-named child appeared in the "Gentleman's Magazine" for November, 1779. It was written by John Whitehouse, who was then living with Wm. Bull, and afterwards a clergyman of the Church of England.

It is headed "Lines Sacred to the Memory of Miss Mary Bull, of Newport Pagnell, who died October 23rd, 1779, in the fifth Year of her Age. Addressed to the Author's faithful and affectionate Friends, her Parents ; by John Whitehouse."

The following is one of the stanzas :—

" Around her lov'd Charlotta's waist,
No more her arms shall Polly fold ;
No more by Tommy be embrac'd,
No more her Tommy's face behold."

In 1782 William Bull's intimacy with the poet Cowper may be said to have commenced, and the well-known Mr. Thornton became also a frequent correspondent of Mr. Bull's.

The Newport Academy for Dissenting Ministers, or the Evangelical Institution, as it was called, was formed about 1782, and Mr. Bull appointed its head.

On 23rd October, 1800, Thomas Palmer Bull was ordained co-pastor with his father.

Hannah Bull, whose health had long been failing, died on the 26th of February, 1804, and was buried under the table pew in the Old Chapel on 1st March, Mr. Greatheed delivering an address on the occasion.

Wm. Bull had in his earlier years preached in various parts of the country, but during 1806 and 1807 he went little from home. In the succeeding years he went out to preach, and paid some

visits to the sea, but his health, never very good, began to fail him, and on 10th July, 1814, he preached his last sermon to his Newport congregation from Psalm xxvii. 9. A few days later he became seriously ill, and on the 23rd July he breathed his last.

Of his death, George Osborn gives the following contemporary account in his diary :—

“On this day, Saturday, in the even’ about 7 o’clock, our dear aged Pastor departed this life after an illness of only one week. . . . He was not a great sufferer, but upon the whole it might be considered as a rather easy passage into the Eternal World. His mind was in general composed, the fear of Death seemed to have been mercifully removed, which he had often prayed in Public might be done. He had some years very much dreaded Dying, the Pain of it—not so much the consequences after—which led him often to pray, ‘Lord, grant I may not dishonour Thee in my Death, but bear a dying Testimony to the faithfulness of God to His promises.’ His Prayer was heard. A few hours before his departure he desired Mr. Thos. Bull to go for 3 Bibles, in such a place, and then he gave one to each of his Grandchildren as a legacy to them. He said to Wm. Bull, his eldest Grandchild, a little before his death, in my hearing, ‘the Lord bless you, my dear child, and give you His Holy Spirit, and then you will have everything that will be worth having, or, that will do you good’ (I know not which). He said ‘Saturday, Glory. To-day Glory.’”

He was buried under the pulpit in the Old Chapel, and the pall bearers at his funeral were the Rev. C. Kipling, Vicar of the parish, Rev. C. Stephenson, Vicar of Olney, and four dissenting ministers. His funeral sermon* was preached by Rev. Samuel Hillyard, of Bedford, one of the old Newport students, from the words, “My flesh shall rest in hope.” His people erected the handsome monument with medallion portrait now in the present Chapel to his memory, the following being the text of its inscription :—

* A Memoir from this sermon is printed in the “Evangelical Magazine” for April, 1815.

BENEATH THIS TABLET ARE DEPOSITED THE MORTAL REMAINS OF
THE REVEREND WILLIAM BULL,

WHO WAS ORDAINED PASTOR OF THE CHURCH ASSEMBLING IN THIS
PLACE, OCTOBER 11TH, 1764,

AND GENTLY BREATHED HIS SOUL TO REST JULY 23RD, 1814,
IN HIS 76TH YEAR

TO HIM HIS FRIEND THE IMMORTAL COWPER BEARS THIS TESTIMONY :
" HE WAS A DISSENTER, A LIBERAL ONE, A MAN OF LETTERS AND GENIUS,
" MASTER OF A FINE IMAGINATION, A MAN OF ERUDITION AND ABILITY."

THESE TALENTS HE HAPPILY EMPLOYED

IN PREACHING CHRIST JESUS AND HIM CRUCIFIED :
AND IN TRAINING UP YOUNG MEN FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY.

HIS CHURCH AND CONGREGATION

THANKFUL FOR THE FAITHFUL AND SUCCESSFUL LABORS OF HALF-A-CENTURY
HAVE ERECTED THIS SMALL TRIBUTE OF THEIR GRATITUDE AND AFFECTION.

NEAR THE SAME SPOT ARE ALSO DEPOSITED

ALL THAT WAS MORTAL OF

HANNAH BULL

WIFE OF THE REV'D. WILLIAM BULL,

SHE FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS, FEBRUARY 26TH, 1804. AGED 67 YEARS.

Before the portrait is an open book bearing the following words:
" Having made peace thro' the blood of his Cross.—Col. i. 20."

Mr. Bull's will was evidently his own composition, and the following is a copy of it :—

" This is the last Will and Testament of me Willm. Bull Minister of the Gospel of Christ at Newport Pagnell and my Will is to give and bequeath to the Revd. T. Palmer Bull all and every thing I have power to give away that is to say all my real and personal Estate Goods Chattels &c. &c. to him and to his Heirs Executors and Assigns to dispose of when how and in what manner he shall see fit for his own comfort and that of his family Witness my hand and seal on this 24th day of June and in the Year of Redemption One thousand eight hundred and fourteen Sealed signed and delivered—Willm. Bull L.S.—In the presence of the undersigned witnesses—George Slade Student. Wm. Campbell Gentleman. John Wilson Gentleman."

Probate of the Will was granted by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury on the 23rd January, 1815, to Rev. T. P. Bull, the executor according to the tenor—the gross personal estate being sworn under £1500, and the net being about £866.



Rev. T. P. Bull, Jr.
Newport Pagnell

CHAPTER X.

THOMAS PALMER BULL.

THOMAS PALMER BULL was born 15th July, 1773, and was the only child of William and Hannah Bull who attained maturity. On 23rd October, 1800, he was, as already mentioned, ordained co-pastor of the Newport Church with his father.

From 1789 till 1814 he assisted his father in the superintendence of the Newport Pagnell College, and from the date of his father's death till 1831 he had sole charge of it. In 1831 his son Josiah was associated with him in the work of tuition, and they jointly conducted the institution till 1842, when Rev. John Watson succeeded them.

T. P. Bull was married to Letitia Bateman on 13th October, 1803, as already recorded.

On his father's death he became sole pastor of the Newport Church until 2nd October, 1833, when he was joined by his son Josiah. He was chairman of the Congregational Union in the year 1835.

Mrs. T. P. Bull died on 13th August, 1836, at Cheltenham, where she had gone for the benefit of her health, and was buried at Newport Pagnell on the 22nd August. "A brief notice of the late Mrs. Bull, of Newport Pagnell, read at her funeral after a sermon by the Rev. S. Hillyard" was printed.

In 1850, when T. P. Bull had been pastor 50 years, a jubilee service was held, and he was presented with a silver salver by his Church and congregation. "Though he was 78 years of age, he still retained to a great degree his bodily and mental vigour; his eye had hardly then waxed dim, or his natural force abated, but the inevitable accompaniments of age appeared at last, and on 11th March, 1859, at the advanced age of 86, he quietly sunk to rest."

He published "Newton's Letters to Bull," "A brief narrative of the Rise and Progress of the Independent Church at Newport Pagnell," and was also concerned with Thos. Adkins in a work entitled, "A Form for the Solemnization of Matrimony."

The issue of his marriage with Letitia Bateman were:—

William Bateman, mentioned later.

Thomas, who was a noted physician practising in London, and the author of two well-known medical works, entitled "Hints to Mothers" and "Maternal Management of Children in Health and Disease," and also of a work on blindness, written when he himself was blind. He married Mary Harper, and died on 30th May, 1858, without issue.

Josiah, born 31st December, 1807, for many years assisted his father in the Newport College, and was from 1833 to 1859 co-pastor, and from the latter date till 1868 sole pastor of Newport Church. He took his degree of M.A. at Glasgow University. He married Elizabeth Maynard at Stockwell Chapel, Stockwell, Brixton, Surrey, on 23rd July, 1838, and was living at Nottingham at the time of his death on 27th December, 1885, but was buried at Newport Cemetery on 1st January, 1886. He was the author of the well-known "Memorials of the Rev. William Bull," "Life of John Newton," and "Newton's Letters," and some smaller works. He had issue two sons, Henry William, and Alfred, and one daughter, Mary Letitia. Both sons are now dead, the first named without issue. Mary L. Bull was on 14th September, 1893, married at Newport Pagnell to the Rev. Elvery Dothie, B.A.

The tablet, with medallion portrait, erected to the memory of T. P. Bull, in the Congregational Church, bears the following inscription:—

THIS TABLET IS ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF
THE REV'D. THOMAS PALMER BULL,

WHO FOR MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS MINISTERED TO THE CHURCH AND
CONGREGATION ASSEMBLING IN THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP,
HE WAS ORDAINED IN 1800 AS CO-PASTOR WITH HIS FATHER, THE REV.
WILLIAM BULL, BEING ALSO UNITED WITH HIM IN THE CONDUCE OF THE
NEWPORT PAGNELL EVANGELICAL INSTITUTION.

MR. BULL WAS ENDOWED WITH CONSIDERABLE ABILITIES,
POSSESSED OF A WELL-STORED MIND AND A MOST BENEVOLENT HEART.

ALL THESE QUALITIES WERE ENNOBLED BY A TRUE PIETY
AND SUCCESSFULLY CONSECRATED TO HIS REDEEMER'S SERVICE.

HE DIED MARCH 11, 1859, IN THE 87TH YEAR OF HIS AGE.
ALSO IN MEMORY OF HIS BELOVED WIFE

LETITIA BULL,

WHO DIED AUGUST 13TH, 1836, AGED 59 YEARS.

GREATLY ESTEEMED FOR HER AMIABLE DISPOSITION AND UNAFFECTED PIETY.
AND OF THEIR SECOND SON

THOMAS BULL, M.D.,

A PHYSICIAN OF EMINENCE AND A TRUE CHRISTIAN,
WHO DIED AT BRIGHTON, MAY 30TH, 1858, IN HIS 52ND YEAR.



CHAPTER XI.

WILLIAM BATEMAN BULL.

W^m. BATEMAN BULL was the eldest son of T. P. Bull and Letitia his wife, and was born on 2nd August, 1804.

He was educated at Mill Hill, and elected to follow the legal profession. After having served his articles with Mr. Chase, of Northampton, and becoming duly qualified, he commenced to practice in Newport in 1826.

He married Anne Rogers, at Newport Pagnell Parish Church, on 25th July, 1832, and prior to his marriage erected part of the residence now known as Cedar Holme (for it was afterwards enlarged), in which he spent the remainder of his life.

On the formation of County Courts in 1847, he was appointed assistant clerk to the Newport Court (Mr. John Parrott, of Stony Stratford, being clerk to that and other Courts). Later, he was appointed deputy registrar, when Mr. Parrott elected to retain Newport of those Courts of which he was clerk.

He always took the greatest interest in local affairs. Especially did he concern himself in Chapel matters, and the successful completion of the scheme for the erection of the New Chapel was in no small degree due to his efforts.

After an illness of some eighteen months, he died on 21st October, 1884, and was buried in the Newport cemetery. His widow survived him, and passed away on 22nd May, 1891.

Mr. Bull left issue:—

William Rogers (see later).

Emily Anne, married Francis Coales.

Ellen Letitia, born 16th November, 1835; died 25th December, 1836.

Francis Desvaux, married Maria Turner Osborn (a daughter of George Osborn and Mary his wife—née Bacon) at Hallfield Chapel, Bradford, on 23rd October, 1867, and has issue:—Frances Mary, Thomas Palmer, Rowland Francis, Annette Desvaux, and Jessie Maria.

Ellen Letitia.

Charlotte, born 19th July, 1843 ; died 5th May, 1845.
Walter Beaty.

A tablet erected to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bull, in the Congregational Church contains the following inscription : —

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM BATEMAN BULL,
SOLICITOR,

WHO ENTERED INTO REST

OCTOBER 21ST, 1884, IN THE 81ST YEAR OF HIS AGE

MR. BULL WAS THE ELDEST SON OF THE REV. THOMAS
PALMER BULL AND LETITIA HIS WIFE, WAS A MEMBER 50
YEARS, AND A DEACON 16 YEARS, OF THE CHURCH CONNECTED
WITH THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP, AND A LIBERAL SUPPORTER OF ALL
ITS INSTITUTIONS. HE GAVE MATERIAL AID IN THE ERECTION OF
THIS CHAPEL IN 1881, AND IN THE ADAPTATION OF PART OF THE
FORMER BUILDING TO SCHOOL PURPOSES. MR. BULL TOOK THE GREATEST
INTEREST AND AN ENERGETIC PART IN ALL MEASURES DESIGNED FOR
THE BENEFIT OF THIS HIS NATIVE TOWN, AND HIS KINDNESS OF HEART
WILL EVER BE REMEMBERED WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE.
HIS REMAINS ARE INTERRED IN THE FAMILY VAULT IN THE CEMETERY.

ALSO OF

ANNE,

THE BELOVED WIFE OF WILLIAM BATEMAN BULL,
WHO FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS MAY 22ND, 1891. AGED 82 YEARS.

MRS. BULL, THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF JOHN AND ANN ROGERS OF THIS
TOWN, WAS FOR 63 YEARS A MEMBER OF THIS CHURCH, A MOST
EXEMPLARY CHRISTIAN, A LOVING WIFE AND TENDER MOTHER, HER
AMIABLE AND THOUGHTFUL CHARACTER WINNING THE ESTEEM
AND AFFECTION OF ALL WHO KNEW HER.

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CHAPTER XII.

WM. ROGERS BULL.

WILLIAM ROGERS BULL was born on the 15th May, 1833, and is the eldest son of Wm. Bateman Bull and Anne his wife.

He was educated at Mill Hill, and after serving his articles with his father was admitted a solicitor in 1856. He has since the date of his admission practised at Newport Pagnell. He became, first, joint deputy registrar with W. B. Bull of the Newport Pagnell County Court, then sole deputy, and since Mr. Parrott's death has been registrar. He has—in the Liberal interest—taken a very active part in electoral work, and is identified with many town matters. He was, too, in 1891 and 1892, Chairman of the Bucks Congregational Union—a body in which he has evinced much interest.

He married first on 16th April, 1862, Catherine Coales, who died on 5th January, 1870. There was issue of the marriage:—

Frederick William, born 26th November, 1864; educated at Oakley House, Caversham; admitted a solicitor 1886; commenced to practise at Kettering, November, 1886; married Annie Allen Winifred Wallis, 8th February, 1894.

Hubert Palmer, born 15th January, 1866; died 13th March, 1869.

Ernest Rogers, born 23rd December, 1867; educated at Oakley House, Caversham, and Mill Hill; qualified as a surgeon dentist, and practising at Northampton.

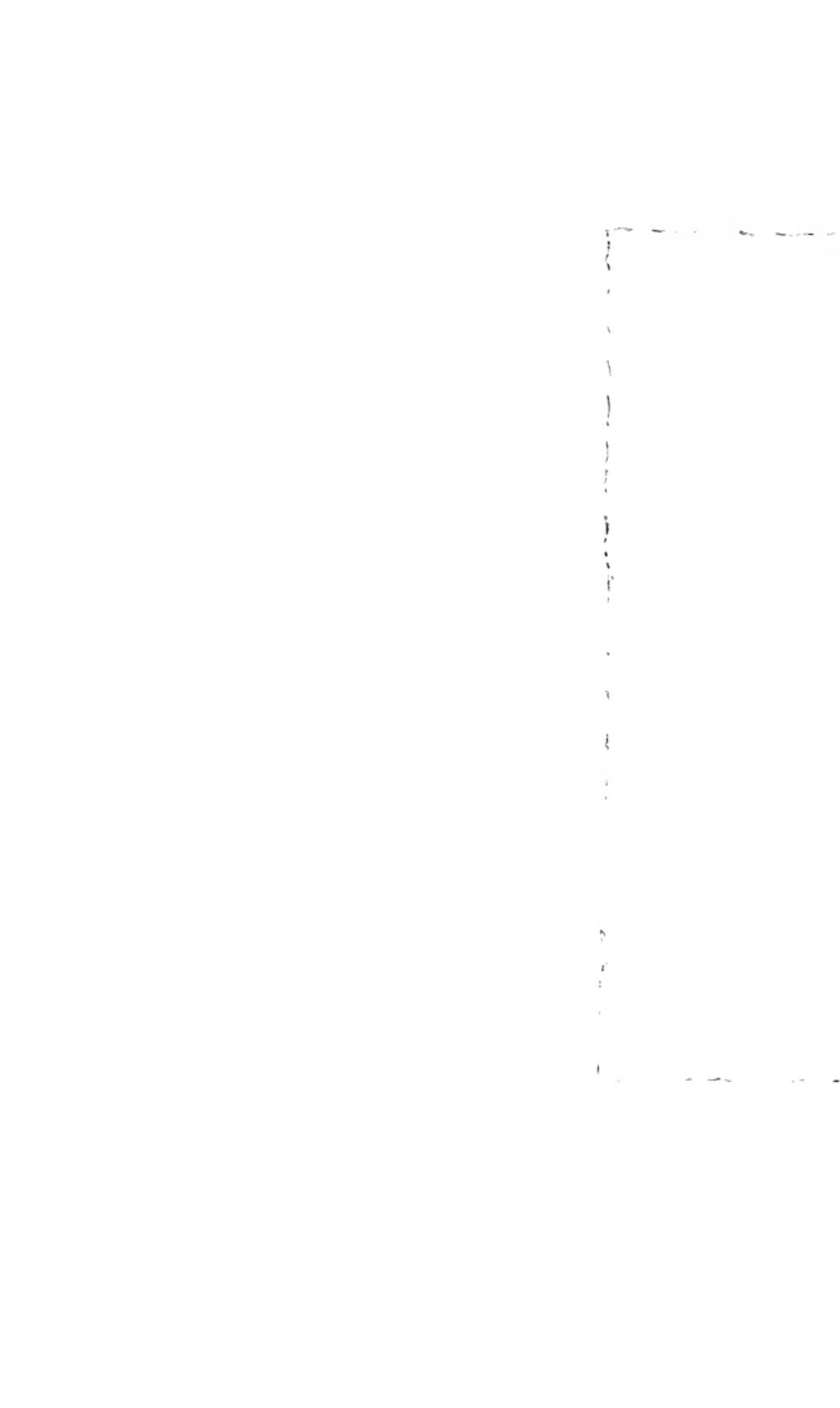
He married, secondly, his present wife, Louisa Elkins Heygate, at West Haddon Church, on 23rd February, 1875, and there is issue:—

Edith Heygate, born 29th June, 1877.

Gertrude Louisa, born 14th May, 1879.

IN
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MEMORY





IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
Annie Allen Winifred Bull,
The wife of Frederick William Bull,
Of Risdene, Kettering,
Who entered into rest 31st January, 1899,
At Saint John's Wood,
Aged 33 Years.



"God shall wipe away every tear . . . and
death shall be no more; neither shall there be
mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more."—

Rev. xxi. 4.



